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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of:

Zuker et al.

Application No.: 09/361,652

Filed: July 27, 1999

For:

NUCLEIC ACIDS ENCODING A

G-PROTEIN COUPLED RECEPTOR INVOLVED IN SENSORY TRANSDUCTION Examiner:

Brannock, Michael

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PETITION TO EXTEND TIME

Art Unit 1646 **Assistant Commissioner for Patents** Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Applicants petition the Assistant Commissioner of Patents to extend the time for response to the Office Action dated April 7, 2000 for three (3) months, from July 7, 2000 to October 7, 2000. An appropriate response in the form of an Amendment is enclosed herewith.

Please charge the fee of \$870.00 to the undersigned's Deposit Account No. 20-1430. Please charge any additional fees or credit overpayment to the above deposit account. This petition is submitted in triplicate.

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Respectfully submitted,

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